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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CONGRATULATIONS FOR SENGHOR

1. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT PRESIDENT SENGHOR WILL WIN RE-ELECTION TO A NEW FIVE-YEAR TERM IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS TAKING PLACE FEBRUARY 26 IN SENEGAL, THOUGH ABDOULAYE WADE OF OPPOSITION PARTI DEMOCRATIQUE SENEGALAIS IS WAGING SPIRITIED CAMPAIGN AND ESTIMATES ARE CONTINUALLY BEING RAISED UPWARDS OF NUMBER OF SEATS PDS MAY CLAIM IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (SEE DAKAR A-15).

2. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER ALONG FOLLOWING LINES BE APPROVED AND HELD IN READINESS FOR TRANSMITTAL AS SOON AS RESULTS OF ELECTION ARE IN:

DEAR PRESIDENT SENGHOR:

ON YOUR RE-ELECTION TO A NEW TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL, YOU HAVE MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS. SENEGAL'S NOTEWORTHY SUCCESS IN CARRYING OUT NATIONAL ELECTIONS CONTESTED BY OPPOSITION PARITIES REPRESENTS AN ENCOURAGING EXAMPLE FOR PROPONENETS OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

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I HOPE I SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU PERSONALLY IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS ON AFRICA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER.

3. IN VERY UNLIKELY CASE THAT WADE WINS, EMBASSY WILL SUPPLY ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE.

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